



Junior Ranger, Jr.

You're never too young to love the outdoor world! Children ages 4 to 6 can nurture seeds on a real farm, hunt for butterflies and other animals, ride a train, listen to bird songs, and have other pint-sized adventures. Children attending three programs earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge. Those who attend five also earn a Junior Ranger patch. See Junior Ranger description for fees, policies, and registration information.

Wednesdays, June 13 or July 11; or Sunday, July 29

Who's Hiding?

Who lives in these woods? We'll search together for animal homes, tracks, scat, and other signs of forest critters. These clues reveal how animals survive in the woods. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 18 or Tuesday, June 26

Butterfly's Breakfast

What do butterflies eat for breakfast? What do beetles eat for lunch? Learn about the lives of insects as we explore the fields and flower garden of a local farm. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Check availability by visiting www.cvnpa.org.

Thursday, June 21; Monday, July 2; or Wednesday, July 25

Really Big Rocks

Step into a wondrous place of huge rocks, evergreens, and moss. A hike below the Ledges is always special. How were these rocks made? Do they change? For ages 4 - 6. 6 - 8 p.m. on 6/21 and 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 7/2 and 7/25.

Thursday, July 5; Friday, July 13; or Sunday, July 29

Nature's Music

Listen - the forest has its own musical rhythms: a chorus of chirps, a drumming of feet, a whistle through the trees. Tune into the sounds of nature, wiggle, dance, and make your own music! For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 7/5 and 7/13 and 2 - 4 p.m. on 7/29.

Thursday, July 19

All Aboard for Animals

Climb aboard a train to look for and learn about local wildlife. Watch for animals and their signs, play train games, sing songs, hear a story, enjoy a picnic, and have fun. Bring a lunch. For ages 4 - 6. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members, \$6 per accompanying adult. 9:45 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, July 22 or Thursday, August 2

Little Sprouts

Some seeds are tiny and some are big but they all have something inside waiting to grow! Come to a farm to see what vegetables look like before they are ready to eat. Find out how amazing growing up green can be. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 7/22 and 6 - 8 p.m. on 8/2.

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Junior Ranger Family Programs



Summer 2007

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Become a Junior Ranger!

Are you 7 to 12 years old? There are many ways to enjoy Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) this summer! Join park rangers and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) staff for fun and exploration. You'll have a chance to investigate our valley's past by railroad, visit working farms, catch newts, and more.

Children attending three Junior Ranger programs earn a Junior Ranger badge. Attending six programs will also earn you a new national Junior Ranger patch. Preregistration and advanced payment is required as space is limited. Program locations will be given upon registration.

The cost is \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members, unless otherwise noted. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children. Only train programs have an adult fee. To sign up call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC) at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

There is a special selection of Junior Ranger programs for groups of 10 or more. Call the number above for details.

See the back of this brochure for Junior Ranger, Jr. programs for ages 4 to 6.

The listings in this brochure are subject to change.



Friday, June 15 or Saturday, June 30

Twilight Flight

Eavesdrop on the ultrasonic calls of these fascinating fliers as we take an evening hike with special detectors to a long-time roost. Learn about Ohio's winged mammals and their role in the environment. For ages 7 - 12. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20 or Friday, August 3

After the Chores

Was life all work and no play for children growing up on a farm? Not after the chores were finished! Have fun with games and activities that entertained children in times past. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 6/20 and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on 8/3.

Friday, June 22; Saturday July 14; or Friday, August 3

Nets 'n' Newts

Park ponds are jumping, wiggling, and swimming with life. Dip nets in to see what animals are on the move. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 6/22 and 7/14 and 2 - 4 p.m. on 8/3.

Mondays, June 25 or July 23

Fossil Fun

Have you ever found a rock that looked like a strange creature from long ago? Perhaps you have found a fossil from when warm, shallow seas covered Ohio, millions of years ago. Join us on a fossil - hunting adventure. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 28

American Indian Storytelling

American Indian stories, passed down from generation to generation, assist us in understanding the lives they lived and their relationship to the Earth. Explore these stories aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and along the trail. For ages 7 - 12. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members, \$6 per accompanying adult. 9:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Friday, June 29; Monday, July 9; Sunday, July 15; or Saturday, July 21

Beneath the Fishing Pole

Look below the dock. What swims beneath the murky waters? Learn the fundamentals of using a rod and reel. We hope you'll get "hooked" too. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 6/29, 7/15, and 7/21 and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on 7/9.

Friday, July 6 or Thursday, July 12

Goats & Gobblers

Ever wonder how to care for animals on a farm? Go behind the scenes with a real farmer and learn the ropes. We'll also get you going with goat games and tests of turkey trivia. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 16; Tuesday, July 17; or Wednesday, July 18

Working in the Field

If you've ever dreamed about working on an archeological excavation, here's your chance. Join a park ranger for a discussion of archeological tools and techniques and then put your skills to the test with National Park Service archeologists on a real dig. All participants must wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and bring a lunch. For ages 10 - 12. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Ready for an overnight adventure?
Try Junior Ranger Camp! We have
mini-sessions July 1 - 3 and July 4 - 6
for children entering grades 3 - 5.
Call (800) 642-3297 or visit
www.cvnpa.org for details.**

Thursday, July 19 or Wednesday, July 25

Make It, Break It, Take It

Can the pieces fit back together? Find out what archeologists can learn about past people by examining broken pottery. Make your own clay creation to take home. For ages 7 - 12. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, July 27, or Saturday, July 28

Finding Your Way

How do you get from here to there? Try using the technology of a 21st - century explorer. We'll learn the basics of using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and a map, then set off on a clue-finding adventure! For ages 7 - 12. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Monday, July 30 or Wednesday, August 1

Down & Dirty Farming

Think you have what it takes to be a farmer? If you're up to the challenge, come get a little dirty and sweaty. Discover what types of farming happen in the valley then work side by side with a local farmer. All participants must wear long pants and sturdy shoes. For ages 10 - 12. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

